

*Casper RMP/EIS Comments*

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**Comment:**

As a user of different OHVs and an outdoor enthusiast I support Alternative D of the plan options. This is because, under Alternative D there would be 2,661 acres closed to OHV use. Under Alternative B you would find 26, 027 acres closed to OHV use. I also support the expansion of the Poison Spider Off-Road Park-this has been discussed for years and only after use has quadrupled has serious discussion ensued. Because of congestion and the unique uses by different OHV users I believe that an additional OHV park in the Casper District or expansion of Poison Spider will only reduce congestion, not address long-term growth of OHV recreation in the area. The BLM should identify areas where recreational OHV (ATV, motorcycle, extreme 4x4's) use has been occurring and develop plans to designate trails in these areas. The BLM should also Adopt an "open unless posted close" signage system at start of designation process. The designation process will be slow. This will ensure motorized access to routes as the process moves forward and encourage the BLM to post those routes most at risk first. The BLM should inventory roads and trails during travel management planning. I also firmly believe that the BLM should Adopt the description of trails, as commonly referenced in state and forest planning, to be 50 inches or less in width. They should also adopt the definition of single track trail being 30 inches or less in width and not disregard the need for single track trail in the planning area. The BLM should not dismiss user created routes during the designation process a frequently traveled user created route is an indication of a need for a route in the area. The BLM should also allow surface disturbances on slopes greater than 25% if engineering can protect the land resource. Adoption of this formula would not allow trail building up or down many hills in the plan area. The plan area has a lot of hills and these can be challenging and fun for users.